

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 11, 1896.—Referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs and ordered to be printed.

The VICE-PRESIDENT presented the following

LETTER FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, IN RESPONSE TO SENATE RESOLUTION OF APRIL 22, 1896, AS TO THE NUMBER AND NATIVITY OF MARINES AND BLUE JACKETS, RESPECTIVELY, ENLISTED IN THE NAVAL SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE NUMBER OF BLUE JACKETS ENLISTED UNDER THE CLASS OF LANDSMEN.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, May 9, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following resolution of the Senate, dated the 22d ultimo, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to furnish the Senate the following information:

First. The number and nativity of marines and blue jackets, respectively, enlisted in the naval service of the United States.

Second. The number of blue jackets enlisted under the class of landsmen.

In reply to the inquiries contained in the foregoing resolution I have the honor to state as follows:

First. The number of enlisted men and apprentices in the Navy and Marine Corps March 31, 1896, was as follows:

	Native born.	Foreign born.	Total.
Blue jackets.....	5,133	4,400	9,533
Marines.....	1,156	861	2,017

Second. The number of blue jackets enlisted in the rating of landsman is 1,391.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully,

F. M. RAMSAY, *Acting Secretary*.

The PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

